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Vessels sailing from ports on the west coast of Luzon, between San Fernando, Union, and Pasacao, will also await inspection upon arrival at the ports named above.

Vessels whose first port of call is Iloilo or Cebu will sail as heretofore—direct from Manila—consuming fifty hours on the voyage before being granted pratique at the port of arrival.

Respectfully,

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TURKEY.

Report from Trebizond—Plague situation.

Consul Jewett reports, August 29, as follows:

Plague continues in a mild form in the prison at Trebizond.

There were officially reported on the 8th, 4 cases and 1 death; on the 9th, 2 cases; on the 10th, 1 case; on the 12th, 1 death; on the 13th, 1 case and 1 death; on the 18th, 1 case, and on the 29th, 1 case, all in the prison. The health of the city and surroundings is reported to be good.

A bacteriologist from Constantinople confirmed the diagnosis of plague by bacteriological examination on the 23d instant. The bacillus found was of the Yersin involuted type. The material examined was pus from cases that had been going on for some time, and the glands examined were suppurating. The diagnosis of the case reported to-day has been confirmed by bacteriological examination.

The preventive and sanitary measures undertaken here so far have been inadequately carried out.

There is a proposal to take merchandise to Platana, about 5 miles from Trebizond, by boats or other means, and to ship it from that port as noninfected. It is true that as far as we know no cases of plague have occurred at Trebizond outside of the prison, but in view of the central situation of the prison, its terribly filthy condition and lax administration, and the general neglect of the required preventive measures, it seems probable that the city is already, or will become, infected. Three prisoners escaped from the prison on the 26th instant.

I shall endeavor to prevent the exportation to the United States of any susceptible merchandise from Trebizond or from the vicinity until this locality may safely be considered free from plague.

WEST INDIES.

Report from Castries, St. Lucia Island—Sanitary conditions—Mosquito destruction.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Rush reports, September 15, as follows: Week ended September 15, 1906.

Present officially estimated population, 5,000.

Sanitary condition of this port and surrounding country, good.

The work of mosquito destruction has proved effectual and satisfactory.

No cases of infectious diseases were reported for the week.